

EXPLAINS FAITH TO MOST THORNS

TALKS ON VITAL POINTS
Lecturer Introduced by Senator John
D. Works, Who Dwells on Bene-
fits from Scriptures.

"The subject that we are to consider has to do with issues that are vital to all mankind, with questions that go to the very heart of human affairs; questions which, by the way, involve consequences as important to those who may have given them little or no conscious attention as to the most profound thinkers along such lines."

The foregoing was the opening statement made by Frank Bell, C. S. member of the Christian Science board of lecturership of the mother church in Boston, in a lecture on "The Science of God's Love" before the Theater yesterday afternoon under auspices of the local Christian Science churches.

Mr. Bell's first lecture in Washington and he was greeted by an overflowing house. He was in-

produced by Senator John D. Works, who spoke briefly of the benefits that had come to mankind through a correct understanding of the Scriptures.

Mr. Bell said in part:

"It is obvious that an intelligent and good God could not have made evil, and that to attribute to evil any other positive source is equivalent to attributing to the impossible theory of there being more than one primal cause or creator, the conclusion necessarily is this: That evil is not an entity at all, but a negation. This may be illustrated in a simple way

The Overthrow of Ignorance.

"Ignorance is one of the most pronounced types of evil. A very considerable proportion of human endeavor is directed to the overcoming of ignorance. Thousands of schools and colleges, hundreds of thousands of teachers, the tremendous facilities of modern printing, publishing, and distribution, are devoted

largely to this service. The profession of the educator is honored among men, and the educator is honored by the support by untold wealth of public and private funds. And all this vast expenditure of talent and time and treasure is directed against what? Against ignorance? Against ignorance? Against ignorance? Would the educator succeed if he were to regard that against which he contends as a positive thing, with a real source and an actual presence and power? Is there a school anywhere whose purpose is to give a course of instruction in the origin and development of ignorance? What would be the opinion of a college or university founded upon the theory that the best way to make a pupil wise is to keep his attention fixed

Sickness Not to Be Ignored.

"Sickness is a phase of evil which needs to be considered from the standpoint of evil's essential negativities. Ignorance is not intelligently. This, of course does not mean that the practice of Christian Science consists of reiterating in the patient's ear that the disease is not real, and that he should just forget it, as we yet occasionally hear, even in this enlightened period. What it means is that if the patient makes no logical effort to ease to be something that it in fact is, not his difficulty doubtless lies very far in the wrong direction, and he will not be helped, not his mind being able to see disease for what it is. He needs

For instance, it would be difficult to have of anything more depressing than for the victim of suffering to believe that in some unaccountable way divine purpose is being accomplished by means of his painful experience. Therefore one of the things the sick man needs to know is that his Maker is not a party to his undoing; not in the remotest degree. With that thought clearly implanted in consciousness the journey healthward has been well begun and the succeeding steps should follow in natural sequence. His body

quence. He needs to know that since infinite intelligence in its very nature could not be the author of sickness, and since there is no other power that could be its author, the basis of sickness, like ignorance and other forms of evil, must be nonentity, or negation, not something but the absence or lack of something.

"In view of what has been here said it should be evident that Christian Scientists have no fanatical objection to drug medicines, or other material curatives, as such. The Christian Scientist dispenses with material medicines under no species of compulsion, but as a matter of voluntary choice, based upon observation and experience. It may be said that they are capable of doing all that is claimed for them by their most enthusiastic advocates; they would, yet fail to meet the

requirements of the Christian Scientist, for the reason that the whole system of material medicine is devoted solely to physical conditions which the Christian Scientist understands to be only effects, not causes.

There is a mass of evidence of a direct and particular nature to be found in the individual testimonies of healing in the official publication of the Christian Science Church. The Christian Science Journal, for instance, has been published monthly since 1883, being now in its thirty-third year. The Christian Science Sentinel, issued every week, is

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